

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **HECB to host forum on effects of state budget crisis on higher ed**

**OLYMPIA** - The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) will host a forum on the implications of the state budget crisis on higher education when it meets Dec. 13 at Gonzaga University in Spokane.

Invited participants in the roundtable discussion include college and university presidents, legislators and representatives of students and faculty. The discussion is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Foley Teleconference room. Earlier Thursday, the board will hear recommendations for the state 2002 supplemental budget for higher education and will hear an update on the State Need Grant program, the state's largest student financial aid initiative.

Board members will tour the Gonzaga campus Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. The regular meeting will begin Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. All of the board's meetings and activities are open to the public.

Briefing documents for the board meeting will be available at <http://www.hecb.wa.gov>.

**Who:**           **The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board**

**What:**           **December board meeting**

**Where:**       **Gonzaga University**  
                  **Foley Teleconference Room**  
                  **E. 502 Boone Ave.**  
                  **Spokane**

**When:**         **Thursday, Dec. 13**  
                  **9 a.m.**

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